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Spy in the Sky?

It was just announced that the government is going to send a U-2 plane up over Chesapeake Bay in the next few days to map the damage caused by tropical storm Agnes.

Without wishing to seem unnecessarily suspicious, we should just like to point out that, by the freakiest of coincidences, the Soviet Embassy has recently purchased a summer residence for its ambassador and the embassy staff at Pioneer Point on the Chesapeake's Eastern Shore. The embassy, according to latest reports, is in the process of renovating the tennis courts and building a basketball court on the grounds of the waterfront estate.

If you remember, President Eisen-

hower was first impressed by the potential of the original U-2 over a decade ago when the spy masters showed him detailed photographs of his favorite green at Burning Tree, snapped from 60,000 feet up.

If you also remember, Premier Khrushchev used the shooting down of an operational U-2 as the pretext for scuttling summit talks with Ike in 1960.

We just hope every precaution will be taken with the flood-mapping spy plane, so that the new era of sweetness and light between the United States and the Soviet Union will not come crashing down in flames just because somebody at the CIA wants an aerial closeup of the Russians' new basketball court.